

FIRE



Most fires are caused by carelessness, improper storage of flammable materials or the deliberate setting of fires. Wherever you are, plan your safety before tragedy strikes.

PREVENT FIRES

- Store flammable liquids and gasoline in right metal containers outside – do not use them indoors.
- Keep electrical appliances and wiring in good repair. Don't overload circuits.
- Remember E.D.I.T.H. – Exit Drills In The Home! Practice regularly.
- Discuss with your family step-by-step plans for an emergency fire escape and where the family will meet after the escape.
- Install a smoke detector for each level of your home and test each one monthly.
- Have a fire extinguisher and know how to use it In Case of Fire
- To report fire or other emergencies, dial 9-1-1. · Smother a small fire with a wet rug, blanket or fire extinguisher.
- Turn off electricity and gas sources.
- Smother a grease fire with baking soda or salt or put a lid over the flame, if it is burning in the pan.
- Do not try to carry the fire outside.
- Get out if the fire is uncontrollable! Close windows and doors behind you. Do not go back inside once you are out.
- Meet your family at the designated place outside.
- Go to a neighbor's house to report the fire.

FOREST OR BRUSH FIRES

- Listen to your local radio or television station. Follow instructions.
- Be ready to leave the area immediately.
- Locate safe areas (lakes, rivers, etc.) in advance.
- Remember to be extremely careful with the use of fire in the forest. Wild fires kill animals and destroy valuable timber and property. Extinguish all campfires before leaving the area.

SMOKE ALARMS

- Install Smoke Alarms on every floor of your home. Place them near the sleeping area(s).
- Smoke Alarms mounted on the wall should be 12" below the ceiling.
- Smoke Alarms mounted on the ceiling should be at least 12" from the wall.
- Test Smoke Alarms once a month.
- Change Smoke Alarm's batteries once a year (pick an easily remembered day, i.e., your birthday, 4th of July, etc.)

- Never take your Smoke Alarm's battery out to use in another device.